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Main Content

Selected Source Materials

> This section presents selected source materials related to the purpose of this volume.

Leadership Accountability Systems Handbook

OM-1009 Leadership Accountability Systems Handbook

Purpose

The Leadership Accountability Systems Handbook defines how Civic Station leaders remain accountable to the mission, volunteers, and the communities they serve. Leadership is viewed as a responsibility to support others, steward resources, and encourage continuous improvement rather than a position of privilege.

Guiding Principles

1. Leaders serve the mission first.

2. Authority carries responsibility.

3. Decisions should be transparent whenever practical.

4. Leaders should model the standards they expect.

5. Constructive feedback strengthens leadership.

6. Accountability is continuous, not occasional.

7. Leadership development should prepare future leaders.

Leadership Responsibilities

Leaders are expected to: • Support volunteers. • Communicate clearly. • Make informed decisions. • Protect community resources. • Encourage collaboration. • Resolve issues fairly. • Develop future leaders.

Accountability Framework

Leadership accountability should include: • Clearly defined responsibilities. • Measurable objectives. • Regular progress reviews. • Volunteer feedback. • Documentation of significant decisions. • Continuous improvement planning.

Review Process

A periodic leadership review may consider: 1. Progress toward organizational goals. 2. Communication effectiveness. 3. Volunteer engagement. 4. Ethical conduct. 5. Stewardship of resources. 6. Problem-solving effectiveness. 7. Community trust indicators.

Responding to Performance Concerns

When concerns arise: • Gather objective information. • Discuss concerns respectfully. • Identify root causes. • Agree on corrective actions. • Provide mentoring or additional training. • Review progress over time.

Leadership Succession

Healthy organizations prepare future leaders by documenting knowledge, providing mentoring opportunities, encouraging shared responsibility, and developing capable successors before leadership transitions become necessary.

Relationship to Other Manuals

OM-1009 concludes the opening Governance Architecture sequence by integrating governance, decision-making, authority, transparency, accountability, conflict resolution, ethics, and community trust into a comprehensive leadership accountability framework. It establishes the foundation for the upcoming Operating Model series beginning with OM-1100.

End of OM-1009

Operational Leadership Succession Systems Handbook

OM-1125 Operational Leadership Succession Systems Handbook

Purpose

The Operational Leadership Succession Systems Handbook establishes a framework for preparing future leaders before leadership transitions occur. Succession planning ensures Civic Stations retain organizational knowledge, maintain operational continuity, and develop capable leaders who can assume greater responsibility with confidence.

Objectives

- Prepare future leaders proactively. • Preserve institutional

knowledge. • Reduce disruption during leadership transitions. • Encourage long-term volunteer growth. • Strengthen organizational stability.

Leadership Succession Principles

1. Succession is an ongoing process.

2. Develop multiple potential leaders.

3. Share knowledge before transitions occur.

4. Evaluate leadership based on demonstrated service.

5. Encourage collaborative leadership.

6. Continuously review succession readiness.

Succession Planning Process

1. Identify critical leadership roles.

2. Document key responsibilities.

3. Identify potential successors.

4. Create individualized development plans.

5. Provide mentoring and leadership experience.

6. Evaluate readiness periodically.

7. Conduct orderly leadership transitions.

8. Review and improve the succession process.

Leadership Development Activities

Examples include: • Committee leadership • Project management assignments • Public presentations • Mentoring newer volunteers • Strategic planning participation • Decision-making exercises • Cross-functional experience • Temporary acting leadership roles

Supporting Successful Transitions

Organizations should: • Maintain current role documentation. • Encourage overlapping transition periods. • Communicate transitions clearly. • Preserve historical records. • Offer guidance to incoming leaders. • Conduct post-transition reviews.

Measures of Success

Leadership succession may be evaluated through: • Smooth leadership transitions • Reduced operational disruption • Increased leadership readiness • Strong volunteer confidence • Improved organizational continuity • Long-term leadership stability

Relationship to Other Manuals

OM-1125 builds upon OM-1124 Operational Instructor Development Systems by preparing experienced instructors and mentors for formal leadership responsibilities. It provides the foundation for future manuals covering organizational governance development, executive leadership, and strategic organizational growth.

End of OM-1125

Operational Intergenerational Leadership Systems Handbook

OM-1149 Operational Intergenerational Leadership Systems Handbook

Purpose

The Operational Intergenerational Leadership Systems Handbook establishes a framework for preparing future generations of leaders while ensuring the continuity of Civic Station values, knowledge, and mission. Effective intergenerational leadership creates an organization that continually renews itself without losing its purpose or institutional wisdom.

Objectives

- Prepare future organizational leaders. • Preserve leadership knowledge

across generations. • Encourage mentorship and succession. • Strengthen organizational continuity. • Foster a culture of lifelong leadership development.

Intergenerational Leadership Principles

1. Leadership is a responsibility, not a position.

2. Every leader should develop future leaders.

3. Experience should be shared intentionally.

4. Diverse perspectives strengthen decision-making.

5. Leadership transitions should be planned.

6. Continuous learning supports effective leadership.

Leadership Development Lifecycle

1. Identify emerging leaders.

2. Provide mentorship opportunities.

3. Develop leadership competencies.

4. Assign progressive responsibilities.

5. Evaluate leadership readiness.

6. Support leadership transitions.

7. Preserve leadership lessons learned.

8. Repeat the leadership development cycle.

Leadership Development Areas

Examples include: • Ethical decision-making • Mission-focused leadership

- Communication skills • Volunteer management • Strategic planning •

Conflict resolution • Community engagement • Organizational stewardship

Management Practices

Organizations should: • Maintain leadership development plans. • Pair experienced leaders with new volunteers. • Document leadership best practices. • Conduct periodic succession reviews. • Encourage continuous education. • Recognize effective mentorship.

Measures of Success

Intergenerational leadership effectiveness may be reflected by: • Successful leadership transitions • Increased leadership readiness • Strong mentorship participation • Preservation of leadership knowledge • Consistent organizational performance • Long-term mission continuity

Relationship to Other Manuals

OM-1149 builds upon OM-1148 Operational Organizational Legacy Systems by ensuring that the organization’s legacy is actively transmitted through successive generations of capable leaders. It establishes the foundation for future manuals covering century-scale organizational resilience, perpetual organizational improvement, and enduring civic service.

End of OM-1149

Operational Generational Civic Leadership Systems Handbook

OM-1160 Operational Generational Civic Leadership Systems Handbook

Purpose

The Operational Generational Civic Leadership Systems Handbook establishes a framework for developing, supporting, and connecting civic leaders across multiple generations. Its purpose is to ensure that Civic Stations maintain a continuous pipeline of capable, ethical, and mission-focused leaders who can serve their communities while preparing those who will eventually succeed them.

Objectives

- Develop civic leadership at every stage of participation. • Strengthen

collaboration between experienced and emerging leaders. • Preserve leadership knowledge across generations. • Encourage ethical, service-oriented leadership. • Maintain a sustainable leadership pipeline.

Generational Leadership Principles

1. Leadership is developed through service and experience.

2. Every leader has a responsibility to mentor others.

3. Diverse generations strengthen organizational judgment.

4. Leadership transitions should be intentional.

5. Mission comes before individual recognition.

6. Continuous learning strengthens future leadership.

Leadership Development Lifecycle

1. Identify potential future leaders.

2. Provide education and mentorship.

3. Assign progressively greater responsibilities.

4. Evaluate leadership growth.

5. Support collaborative decision-making.

6. Prepare succession plans.

7. Preserve leadership experiences and lessons.

8. Repeat the leadership development cycle.

Leadership Development Areas

Examples include: • Ethical leadership • Community engagement • Volunteer coordination • Governance participation • Strategic planning • Communication • Conflict resolution • Mission stewardship

Management Practices

Organizations should: • Maintain leadership development pathways. • Encourage mentoring relationships. • Document leadership competencies. • Review succession readiness periodically. • Recognize exemplary service.

- Continuously improve leadership programs.

Measures of Success

Generational civic leadership may be reflected by: • Successful leadership succession • Increased volunteer leadership participation • Strong mentorship engagement • Higher leadership readiness • Consistent mission-focused decision-making • Long-term organizational stability

Relationship to Other Manuals

OM-1160 builds upon OM-1159 Operational Permanent Mission Stewardship Systems by ensuring that permanent stewardship is sustained through the continual development of capable civic leaders across generations. It establishes the foundation for future manuals covering institutional permanence, civic civilization development, and the perpetual advancement of Civic Stations.

End of OM-1160

- Universal Core Civic Leadership Governance Framework

CSA-3191 Universal Core Civic Leadership Governance Framework

Purpose The Universal Core Civic Leadership Governance Framework establishes the leadership structures, oversight responsibilities, decision authority, and accountability mechanisms required to support effective civic leadership systems. It ensures leaders operate with clear responsibilities, ethical standards, transparent processes, and alignment with community stewardship objectives.

Objectives • Establish clear governance for civic leadership systems. • Define leadership roles, responsibilities, and authority. • Promote ethical decision-making and accountability. • Coordinate leadership development across organizations. • Support continual governance improvement.

Core Principles

1. Accountability Civic leaders should have clearly defined

responsibilities and should be accountable for their decisions and actions.

2. Transparency Leadership processes and decisions should be documented

and communicated appropriately.

3. Ethical Stewardship Leadership authority should be exercised

responsibly and in service of community interests.

4. Collaboration Leadership governance should encourage cooperation

among organizations, institutions, and communities.

5. Continuous Improvement Governance systems should evolve through

evaluation, feedback, and lessons learned.

Framework Components • Governance Charter • Leadership Roles • Authority Structure • Decision Frameworks • Ethics Standards • Oversight Processes

- Leadership Evaluation • Succession Governance • Governance Improvement

Governance Lifecycle 1. Establish leadership governance structure. 2. Define leadership responsibilities. 3. Establish decision authority. 4. Monitor leadership effectiveness. 5. Review governance practices. 6. Resolve leadership challenges. 7. Implement improvements. 8. Sustain governance maturity.

Governance Responsibilities

Leadership should: • Maintain clear organizational direction. • Support ethical leadership practices. • Review leadership performance. • Encourage responsible decision-making. • Develop future leadership capacity. • Promote trust and accountability.

Performance Indicators

Example measures include: • Governance review completion • Leadership accountability assessments • Ethics compliance • Decision process effectiveness • Leadership development participation • Succession readiness • Governance improvement completion

Relationship to the Universal Core

Previous: • CSA-3190 Civic Leadership Architecture Framework

Next: • CSA-3192 Civic Leadership Planning Framework • CSA-3193 Civic Leadership Operations Framework • CSA-3194 Civic Leadership Compliance Framework • CSA-3195 Civic Leadership Performance Framework • CSA-3196 Civic Leadership Improvement Framework • CSA-3197 Civic Leadership Readiness Framework • CSA-3198 Civic Leadership Integration Framework • CSA-3199 Civic Leadership Reserved Framework

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- Universal Core Civic Leadership Governance Framework

CSA-3301 Universal Core Civic Leadership Governance Framework

Purpose The Universal Core Civic Leadership Governance Framework establishes the leadership structures, oversight responsibilities, decision authority, accountability mechanisms, and ethical foundations required to support civic leadership systems. It ensures leaders, leadership organizations, development programs, and decision processes are coordinated, responsible, transparent, and aligned with long-term civic objectives.

Objectives • Establish clear governance for civic leadership systems. • Define leadership responsibilities, authority, and accountability. • Promote responsible public stewardship. • Coordinate leadership governance across civic organizations. • Support continual governance improvement.

Core Principles

1. Responsible Leadership Stewardship Civic leadership governance

should prioritize service, integrity, accountability, trust, and long-term community value.

2. Transparency Leadership roles, responsibilities, decisions,

standards, and expectations should be documented and appropriately communicated.

3. Accountability Leadership authority should be balanced with clear

responsibilities, oversight, evaluation, and ethical expectations.

4. Collaboration Leadership governance should encourage cooperation

among leaders, organizations, institutions, and communities.

5. Continuous Improvement Leadership governance systems should evolve

through evaluation, feedback, learning, and lessons learned.

Framework Components • Civic Leadership Governance Charter • Leadership Roles and Responsibilities • Authority Structures • Decision-Making Governance • Ethical Leadership Standards • Accountability Systems • Leadership Oversight • Succession Governance • Governance Improvement

Governance Lifecycle 1. Establish civic leadership governance structures. 2. Define leadership responsibilities and authority. 3. Establish leadership standards and expectations. 4. Monitor leadership performance and decisions. 5. Review

governance effectiveness. 6. Resolve governance issues. 7. Implement improvements. 8. Sustain leadership governance maturity.

Governance Responsibilities

Leadership should: • Maintain clear leadership direction. • Establish responsible decision processes. • Promote ethical and accountable leadership. • Coordinate leadership priorities. • Support leadership development. • Encourage long-term civic stewardship.

Performance Indicators

Example measures include: • Governance review completion • Leadership role clarity • Accountability effectiveness • Ethical standard adherence

- Leadership development participation • Succession planning maturity •

Governance improvement completion

Relationship to the Universal Core

Previous: • CSA-3300 Civic Leadership Architecture Framework

Next: • CSA-3302 Civic Leadership Planning Framework • CSA-3303 Civic Leadership Operations Framework • CSA-3304 Civic Leadership Compliance Framework • CSA-3305 Civic Leadership Performance Framework • CSA-3306 Civic Leadership Improvement Framework • CSA-3307 Civic Leadership Readiness Framework • CSA-3308 Civic Leadership Integration Framework • CSA-3309 Civic Leadership Reserved Framework

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- Universal Core Civic Health And Human Services Systems Governance Framework

CSA-3781

Universal Core Civic Health and Human Services Systems Governance Framework

Purpose The Universal Core Civic Health and Human Services Systems Governance Framework establishes the leadership structures, oversight responsibilities, decision authority, accountability mechanisms, and strategic controls required to govern civic health and human services systems and community well-being capabilities. It ensures health policies, service strategies, support programs, resource decisions, care coordination efforts, and improvement activities are coordinated, responsible, transparent, and aligned with long-term community well-being objectives.

Objectives

- Establish clear governance for civic health and human services systems.
- Define health and human service responsibilities, authority, and accountability.
- Promote responsible stewardship of community support resources.
- Coordinate health and human service governance across civic organizations.
- Support continual improvement of community well-being capabilities.

Core Principles

1. Responsible Community Service Stewardship

Health and human service governance should prioritize accessibility, dignity, safety, accountability, resilience, transparency, and long-term community benefit.

2. Service Accountability

Health and human service authority should be balanced with clear responsibilities, oversight processes, documentation, evaluation, and responsible decision-making.

3. Transparency

Service strategies, program priorities, resource decisions, support activities, and improvement efforts should be documented and appropriately communicated while respecting applicable privacy responsibilities.

4. Collaboration

Health and human service governance should encourage cooperation among governments, healthcare organizations, service providers, educational institutions, nonprofits, communities, families, and support partners.

5. Continuous Improvement

Governance systems should evolve through evaluation, research, performance reviews, community feedback, innovation, and lessons learned.

Framework Components

- Health Governance Charter
- Human Services Oversight
- Community Support Coordination
- Service Resource Governance
- Program Accountability
- Health Information Governance
- Risk Management
- Performance Oversight
- Governance Improvement

Governance Lifecycle

1. Establish health and human services governance structures.

2. Define responsibilities and authority.

3. Establish service standards and expectations.

4. Monitor health and human service activities and outcomes.

5. Review governance effectiveness.

6. Resolve governance issues.

7. Implement improvements.

8. Sustain governance maturity.

Governance Responsibilities

Leadership should:

- Maintain clear community well-being direction.
- Establish responsible service practices.
- Promote accessible support systems.
- Coordinate health and human service priorities.
- Support long-term community planning.
- Encourage institutional learning and improvement.

Performance Indicators

Example measures include:

- Governance review completion
- Service policy effectiveness
- Resource coordination quality
- Community support accessibility
- Stakeholder collaboration
- Governance maturity
- Governance improvement completion

Relationship to the Universal Core

Previous:

- CSA-3780 Civic Health and Human Services Systems Architecture Framework

Next:

- CSA-3782 Civic Health and Human Services Systems Planning Framework
- CSA-3783 Civic Health and Human Services Systems Operations Framework

- CSA-3784 Civic Health and Human Services Systems Compliance Framework
- CSA-3785 Civic Health and Human Services Systems Performance Framework
- CSA-3786 Civic Health and Human Services Systems Improvement Framework
- CSA-3787 Civic Health and Human Services Systems Readiness Framework
- CSA-3788 Civic Health and Human Services Systems Integration Framework
- CSA-3789 Civic Health and Human Services Systems Reserved Framework

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- Universal Core Civic Leadership Architecture Framework

CSA-3190 Universal Core Civic Leadership Architecture Framework

Purpose The Universal Core Civic Leadership Architecture Framework establishes the enterprise architecture for developing, supporting, coordinating, and improving civic leadership capabilities across communities and organizations. It provides a common structure for cultivating responsible leadership, stewardship, decision-making, collaboration, and long-term civic capacity.

Objectives • Establish a standardized civic leadership architecture. • Improve leadership development and support systems. • Strengthen responsible civic stewardship. • Coordinate leadership capabilities across organizations. • Promote continual improvement of civic leadership practices.

Core Principles

1. Responsible Stewardship Civic leadership should prioritize

responsible service, accountability, and long-term community benefit.

2. Ethical Decision-Making Leaders should use transparent, fair, and

principled approaches when making decisions.

3. Service Orientation Leadership exists to support communities,

organizations, and shared objectives.

4. Collaboration Effective civic leadership requires cooperation among

residents, organizations, institutions, and public entities.

5. Continuous Improvement Leadership capabilities should evolve through

learning, evaluation, and experience.

Framework Components • Leadership Governance • Leadership Development • Training and Education • Decision-Making Support • Mentorship Systems • Leadership Evaluation • Succession Planning • Community Stewardship • Continuous Improvement

Architecture Lifecycle 1. Identify leadership needs. 2. Define leadership capabilities. 3. Develop leadership resources. 4. Provide training and support. 5. Evaluate leadership effectiveness. 6. Strengthen leadership practices. 7. Share lessons learned. 8. Sustain leadership capacity.

Relationship to the Universal Core

Previous: • CSA-3189 Civic Participation Reserved Framework

Next: • CSA-3191 — Universal Core Civic Leadership Governance Framework

- CSA-3192 — Universal Core Civic Leadership Planning Framework •

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- Civic Station Foundation Understanding Civic Systems

CSF-0005

Civic Station Foundation Understanding Civic Systems

Purpose

The Civic Station Foundation Understanding Civic Systems document introduces the basic concept of civic systems and explains why communities benefit from understanding how different systems interact.

Communities are not built from a single organization or service. They are networks of connected people, institutions, resources, responsibilities, decisions, and activities that work together over time.

Understanding these connections helps individuals and organizations identify opportunities for cooperation, improvement, and responsible participation.

What Is a Civic System?

A civic system is a collection of connected activities, responsibilities, organizations, resources, and processes that support the needs and functions of a community.

Examples include:

- Government systems
- Infrastructure systems
- Public safety systems

- Education systems
- Health systems
- Economic systems
- Environmental systems
- Community support systems

Each system has its own responsibilities, but systems often depend on one another.

Why Understanding Systems Matters

Many community challenges are not caused by a lack of effort. They may result from:

- Poor communication
- Unclear responsibilities
- Limited coordination
- Missing information
- Resource challenges
- Lack of shared understanding

Understanding systems helps communities ask better questions:

- Who is responsible?
- What resources are available?
- How does this connect to other systems?
- What information is needed?
- How can improvement be measured?

Communities as Connected Networks

A community can be viewed as a network:

People ↓ Families and Neighborhoods ↓ Organizations and Institutions ↓ Local Government ↓ Regional and State Systems ↓ National Systems

Each level influences the others.

Strong communities recognize these connections and encourage cooperation between different parts of the network.

The Role of Civic Knowledge

Civic knowledge helps people:

- Understand responsibilities
- Participate effectively
- Communicate clearly
- Identify solutions
- Collaborate with others
- Make informed decisions

Civic knowledge is not only about government. It is about understanding the systems that allow communities to function.

The Role of Stewardship

Civic stewardship means responsibly caring for the systems that support a community.

Stewardship includes:

- Learning how systems work
- Supporting responsible decisions
- Maintaining resources

- Encouraging cooperation
- Improving conditions for future generations

Everyone can contribute to civic stewardship.

Using the Universal Core

The Civic Station Universal Core organizes civic systems into understandable reference frameworks.

Users may explore:

- How systems are structured
- How responsibilities are organized
- How plans are developed
- How operations function
- How performance is evaluated
- How improvements are made

The goal is not to create complexity.

The goal is to make complexity easier to understand.

A Shared Reference

Civic Station Universal Core provides a common reference language so that different groups can communicate more effectively.

Citizens, organizations, institutions, and leaders may approach problems from different perspectives, but shared understanding creates opportunities for cooperation.

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Appendix E Archive Stewardship Guide

Title: Appendix E — Archive Stewardship Guide

Purpose: Summarize preservation, version awareness, and responsible update practices.

Relationship to Universal Core: This appendix points stewards to CSF-0032 through CSF-0038 and the promotion-history controls.

PRESERVATION

- Maintain immutable release manifests.
- Keep multiple verified copies.
- Store historical versions separately from active versions.
- Retain source filenames and hashes.
- Test archives periodically.

VERSION AWARENESS

- A document ID identifies the work.
- A version identifies an edition or revision.
- Historical versions keep their IDs but receive HISTORICAL status.
- Public catalogs should clearly identify the active version.

RESPONSIBLE UPDATES

1. Audit before changing.

2. Preserve the current file and its hash.

3. Document authority and reason.

4. Stage changes separately.

5. Review identity, references, and metadata.

6. Promote only approved items.

7. create a new manifest.

RESERVED NUMBERS

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MODULARITY

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- Civic Station Foundation Long Term Stewardship Guide

CSF-0038 Civic Station Foundation Long-Term Stewardship Guide

Purpose

The Civic Station Foundation Long-Term Stewardship Guide explains the responsibilities and principles involved in maintaining Civic Station Universal Core as a lasting public civic knowledge resource.

The purpose of stewardship is to ensure that the library remains organized, accessible, understandable, and useful for future generations.

Stewardship Philosophy

A public knowledge resource depends on responsible care.

Stewardship includes:

- Preserving information • Maintaining organization • Supporting

accessibility • Protecting document identity • Encouraging responsible use

Long-term stewardship is a shared responsibility among individuals, organizations, institutions, and future maintainers.

Core Stewardship Responsibilities

Preservation

Stewards should help preserve:

- Original documents • Historical editions • Archive structures •

Document relationships

Organization

Stewards should maintain:

- Naming standards • Numbering systems • Indexes • Navigation resources

Accessibility

Stewards should support:

- Public availability • Clear documentation • Understandable formats •

Community access

Continuity

Stewards should protect:

- Mission purpose • Document identity • Version history • Framework

relationships

Steward Roles

Individual Users

Individuals support stewardship by:

- Preserving documents • Sharing responsibly • Maintaining document

identity

Organizations

Organizations support stewardship by:

- Creating collections • Supporting access • Encouraging civic learning

Institutions

Institutions support stewardship by:

- Preserving resources • Providing public access • Maintaining reference

collections

Future Maintainers

Future maintainers support stewardship by:

- Protecting archive integrity • Updating resources carefully •

Preserving historical records

Stewardship Practices

Recommended practices include:

- Maintain backups • Preserve metadata • Document changes • Review

archive health • Support future access

Avoiding Loss of Knowledge

Long-term stewardship helps prevent:

- Lost documents • Broken references • Missing versions • Confusing

duplicates

Maintaining clear organization allows knowledge to remain useful over time.

Future Stewardship Development

As technology and communities change, stewardship methods may evolve.

Future improvements may include:

- Automated preservation systems • Expanded archive networks • Improved

accessibility tools • Community maintenance programs

The goal remains:

Preserve and share civic knowledge for the benefit of current and future communities.

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Related Publications

- Ethics, Authority, and Accountability (CSUC-CLP-004)
- Elected Official Starter (CSUC-ELD-001)
- Public Leadership Stewardship (CSUC-ELD-007)
- Preparing for Civic Leadership (CSUC-CLP-001)
- From Candidate to Officeholder (CSUC-CLP-002)
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